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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

## In the Claims

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims:

46. A prosthetic repair fabric for repairing a tissue or muscle wall defect, the prosthetic repair fabric comprising:

a layer of mesh fabric with a plurality of interstices that are constructed and arranged to allow tissue ingrowth, the mesh fabric being susceptible to the formation of adhesions with sensitive tissue and organs, the mesh fabric including first and second sides and an edge extending between the first and second sides;

at least one barrier layer that inhibits the formation of adhesions with sensitive tissue and organs, the barrier layer being disposed on at least a portion of one of the first and second sides of the layer of mesh fabric to inhibit the formation of adhesions between the portion of the mesh fabric and adjacent sensitive tissue and organs; and